through child care institutions, orphanages, observation homes, after care homes, etc.

(c) Government is implementing a number of development programmes to make families economically strong so as to make children economically less burdensome on parents. These programmes relate to poverty alleviation programmes like IRDP and DWCRA, STEP, NORAD and Socio-Economic Programme in addition to support services also being provided to parents through creches. A National Credit Fund for Women called Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has been set up recently to assist women in the informal sector. The Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Early Childhood Education Scheme and Schemes of universal elementary education are the programme being implemented in this regard.

(d) No, Sir.

Network of roads in Bastar

827. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the project for constructing a network of roads in the tribal district of Bastar in Madhya Pradesh is held up for the last two years due to the failure of the Central Government to sanction funds under the Tribal Areas Development Programme ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not sanctioning the funds ; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Welfare released an amount of Rs. 4·46 crores to Government of Madhya Pradesh under First Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution during 1990-91. The Ministry has issued No Objection Certificate during 1990-91 for utilising Rs. 1·11 Crores out of Rs. 4·46 crores for construction of culverts and bridges on the roads in the area of Bastar District.

(b) Government of Madhya Pradesh requested to release an additional amout of Rs. 14·00 crores out of additional Special Central Assistance during 1992-93 and each of subsequent years upto 1997 over and above its entitlement for Special Central Assistance. The Ministry had asked State Government to furnish utilisation Certificate and progress report in respect of funds released during 1990-91. In the absence of such reports, it has not been possible to consider further assistance.

(c) Since, the execution of the project is with State Government, this Ministry is not in a position to State the probable date of completion of the project.

Prohibition in A.P.

828. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state what support the Central Government are extending in the endeavour of the A.P. Government in introducing prohibition in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : Although prohibition is a state subject, an amount of Rs. 5 lakhs is being sanctioned to DAVP & Dooradarshan Kendra, Hyderabad for undertaking anti-arrack campaign in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Child beggary

829. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice of child-beggary exists around places of religious and historical importance all over the country ; and